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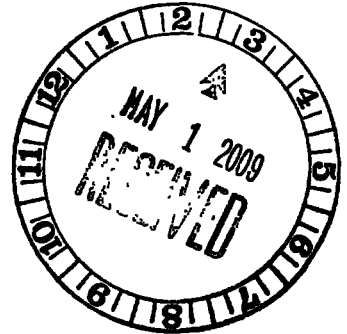
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Via UPS Next Day Air

Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

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RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X), *CSX Transportation, Inc. — Abandonment Exemption—in Glynn County, Georgia*

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Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding and the filing fee of \$3,700. Also enclosed is a computer diskette containing the Notice.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn R. Barney
Kathryn R. Barney

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Dated: May 1, 2009

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—
IN GLYNN COUNTY, GA

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for CSXT to abandon a 0.31-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Brunswick Subdivision from Railroad Milepost AOB 534.36 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 a distance of 0.31 miles in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia (the “Line”).¹ No local or overhead rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed consummation date is June 20, 2009 (or such later date that is 50 calendar days from the date this Verified Notice of Exemption is received by the Board).
2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). See Exhibit A.

¹ Approximately 150 feet of track was removed from the Line without CSXT’s agreement or approval. In an effort to assist the City of Brunswick, CSXT has agreed to file this abandonment to allow for access to a new public school.

3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (e)(4).

(a) *General.*

(1) Exact name of applicant. CSX Transportation, Inc.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C.

Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. CSXT is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. CSXT seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon a 0.31-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Brunswick Subdivision from Railroad Milepost AOB 534.36 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 a distance of 0.31 miles in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. There are no stations on the Line.

(4) Map. See Exhibit B.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom

correspondence should be sent. Kathryn R. Barney, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, J-150, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, (904) 359-1305.

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for abandonment traverses. The Line traverses ZIP Code 31520.

(e) Rural and community impact. Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes, including roads and highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

CSXT believes that the properties proposed for abandonment may be suitable for other purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

4. The level of labor protection. The interests of railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R. Co. -- Abandonment -- Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

5. Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1) and 1105.11 are attached as Exhibit C (Certificate of Service; Certificate of Publication), Exhibit D (Certificate of Distribution of Environmental Report) and Exhibit E (Certificate of Distribution of Historical Report).

6. Environmental Report. See Exhibit D. Based on information in the possession of CSXT, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

7. Historic Report. See Exhibit E.

Steven C. Armbrust, Esq.
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street
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(904) 359-1229

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn R. Barney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn R. Barney, Esq.
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 359-1305

Attorneys for: CSX TRANSPORTATION,
INC.

Dated: May 1, 2009

EXHIBIT A

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

[See attached]

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

I, Ellen M. Preslar, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am Manager Regulatory Costing for Network Rationalization of CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"); that I am authorized to make this verification; and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I hereby certify that no local traffic has moved over CSXT's 0.31-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Brunswick Subdivision from Railroad Milepost AOB 534.36 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia, for at least two years prior to the date hereof. The line has been used for railroad convenience to re-align locomotives for service to one customer; however, such use is not required. Since this is not a through line, no overhead traffic has operated; therefore, none needs to be rerouted over other lines. Further, no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of CSXT by the undersigned after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the undersigned.

Ellen M. Preslar

Ellen M. Preslar

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 20th day of April, 2009

My Commission Expires: 4/9/2013

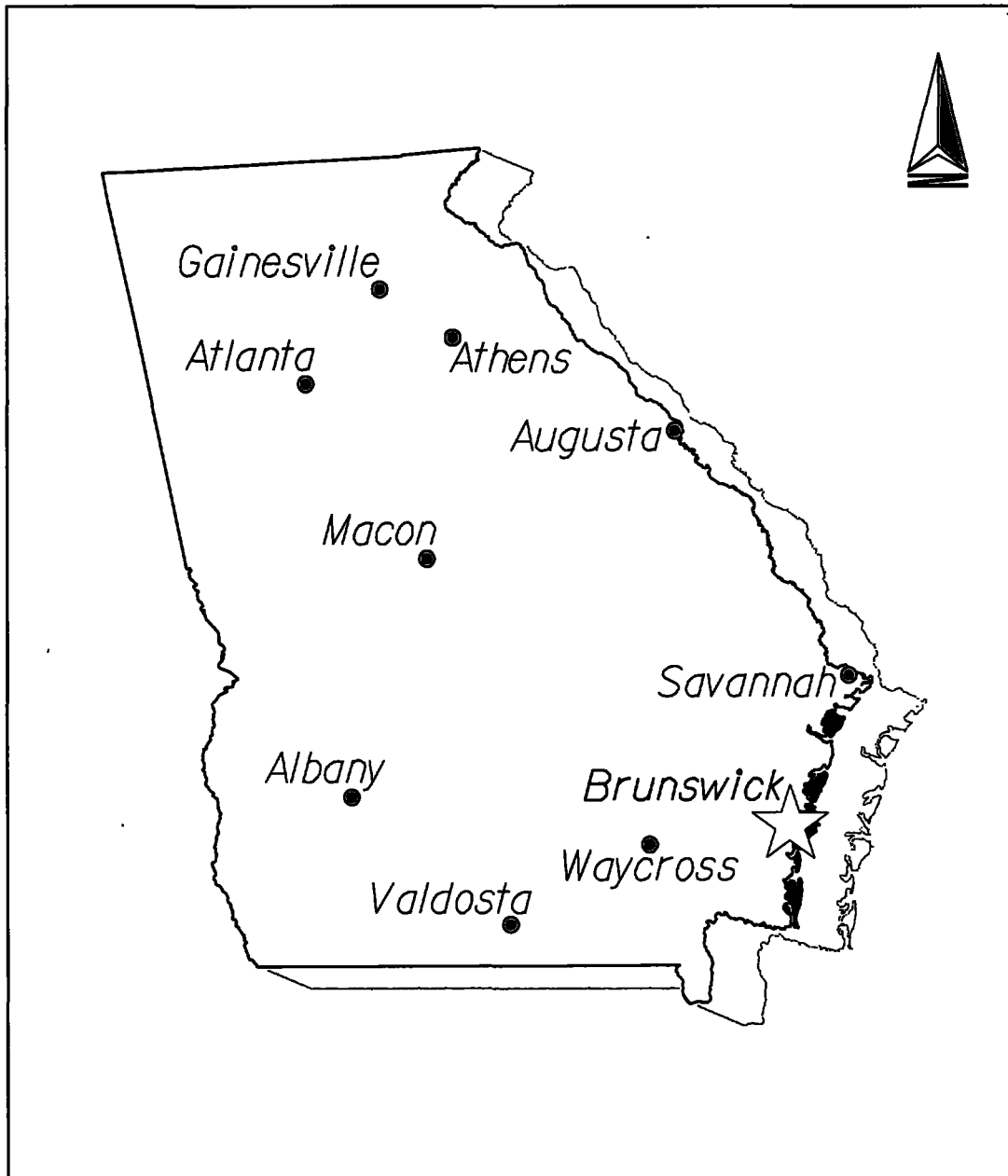
Jeannette Maldonado
Notary Public



EXHIBIT B

MAP

[See attached]



AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 0.92 Miles +/-
AOB 534.36 - AOB 534.67
STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 685X
Glynn County, Georgia

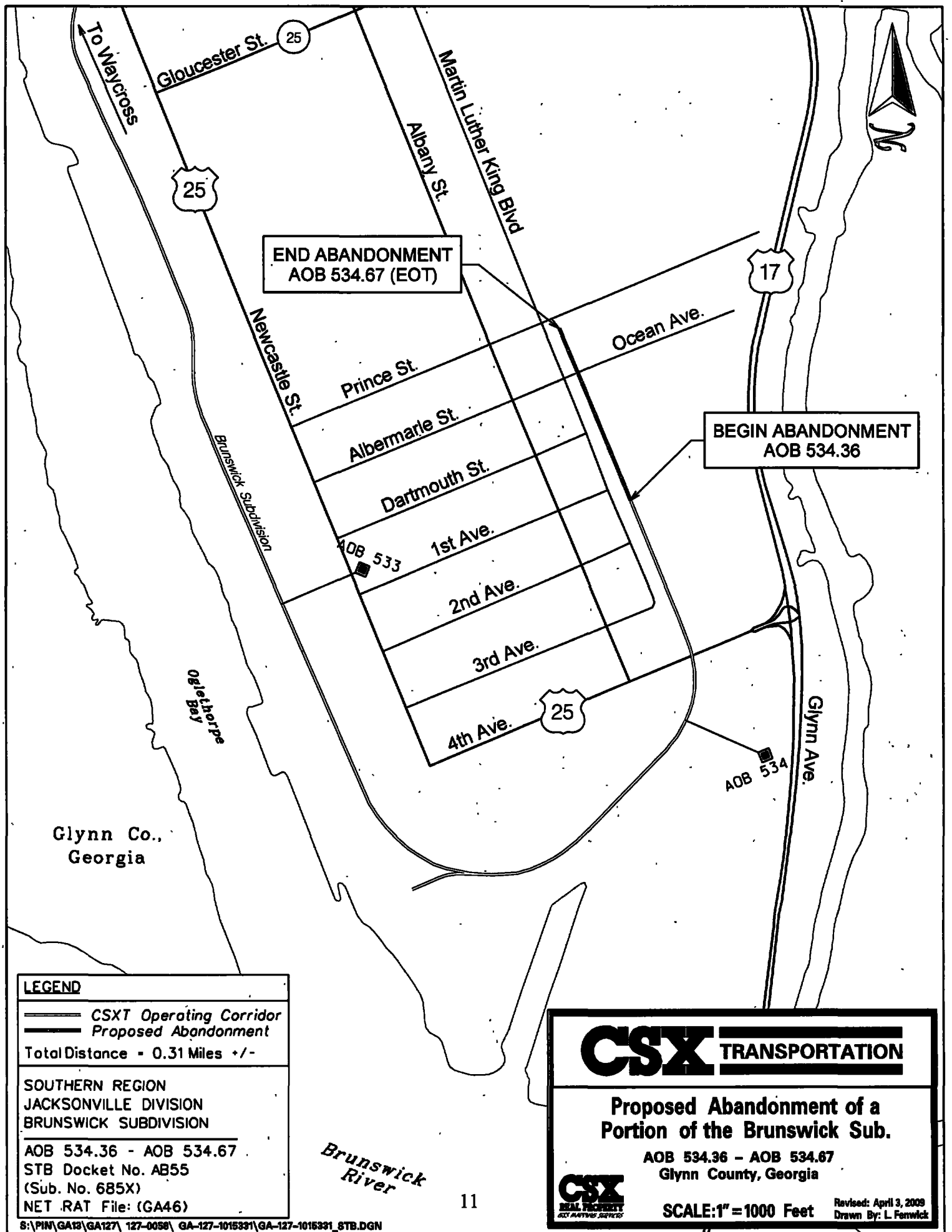


EXHIBIT C
CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION
[See attached]

EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X) was mailed via UPS overnight delivery on April 15, 2009, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta GA, 30334

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Headquarters, Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
Attention: SDTE-SA
(Railroads for National Defense)
709 Ward Drive, Building 1990
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

National Park Service


Mr. Rick Potts, Program Chief
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street, NW (Org Code 2220)
Washington, D.C. 20005

National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240-0001


U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor N.W., Auditors' Building
14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250


Kathryn R. Barney
April 30, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X) was advertised on April 21, 2009 in *The Brunswick*, a newspaper of general circulation in Glynn County, GA, as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12.


Kathryn R. Barney
April 30, 2009

C.H. LEAVY IV
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Vice President/
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PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

Georgia, Glynn County

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting authority, W.R. Maulden,
Vice-President, General Manager of The Brunswick News, a daily newspaper
published in aforesaid county, who on oath says that the attached legal notice was
published in said newspaper on April 21, 2009.

W.R. Maulden

W. R. Maulden

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 21 day of April, 20 09.

Christina M. Miller

Notary Public

My commission expires

Notary Public, Glynn County, Georgia
My Commission Expires August 18, 2012

NOTICE

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") gives notice that it intends to file an application with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152.104.1(a).

Subpart F-Exemption. CSXT documents permitting CSXT to abandon a 0.3-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Brunswick Railroad, between Milepost AOB 534.36 and the end of track, Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67, near Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 31520. This proceeding will be docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to SEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling SEA at 202-245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions or public use banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)].

Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0233. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative, Kathryn R. Barney, CSX Transportation, Inc., 500 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, (904) 359-1305.

EXHIBIT D
ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
[See attached]

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b) and .11, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X) was mailed via first class mail on April 6, 2009 to the following parties:

Mr. David Hainley, Director
Glynn County Community Development
700 Gloucester Street
Suite 200
Brunswick, GA 31520

Mr. Roosevelt Harris, Jr.
Brunswick City Manager
PO Box 550
601 Gloucester Street
Brunswick, GA 31521-0550

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
PO Box 889
Savannah, GA 31402-0889

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
105 West Park Drive
Suite D
Athens, GA 30606


USDA – NRCS
355 East Hancock Avenue
Athens, GA 30601

Ms. Barbara Jackson
Georgia State Clearinghouse
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Atlanta, GA 30334

National Park Service
Southeast Region
100 Alabama Street, SW
1924 Building
Atlanta, GA 30303

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
1200 Glynn Avenue
Brunswick, GA 31523

DOC/NOAA
National Geodetic Survey N/NGS23
(via email at 'NGS.InfoCenter@noaa.gov')


Kathryn R. Barney
April 30, 2009

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
BRUNSWICK, GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 685X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation (CSXT) proposes to abandon 0.31 mile of rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 534.36 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia.

The above referenced 0.31-mile line has not been used to directly serve a customer in over two years. In an effort to assist the City of Brunswick, Applicant has agreed to file this abandonment to allow for access to a new public school. Rail service will no longer be required on this line segment and no new rail oriented business is expected to develop.

Applicant has been advised and has confirmed that approximately one hundred and fifty feet (150') of the subject rail has been removed by outside forces without authorization.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the remaining rail, crossties; subsequently, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. Further, lack of abandonment would require the construction of a new, highly traveled, public, at-grade crossing to allow access to the new public school. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report. (See Attachment 3)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on this line. There will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant received a response dated April 5, 2009 from Mr. Roosevelt Harris, Jr. – Brunswick City Manager stating *"The City of Brunswick strongly endorses CSX Transportation's application to abandon a portion of the railroad tracks which run parallel with and in the right-of-way of Martin Luther King Boulevard..."* (See Attachment 4)

Applicant has not received a response to its December 20, 2007 request to Mr. David Hainley, Director of Glynn County Community Development requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 5)

Since the rail segment is being proposed for abandonment to support the City of Brunswick and their completion of a new public school, Applicant does not feel that the proposed action is inconsistent with any local land use plans.

- (ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant received a response dated March 31, 2008 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for Brunswick, Georgia stating *"There is no prime or important state wide farm land in the area of the proposed rail line abandonment."* (See Attachment 6)

- (iii) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

Applicant has not received a response to its December 20, 2007 request to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Coastal Resources Division in Brunswick, Georgia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 7)

Since the proposed action is the simple removal of rail, crossties and possibly the upper layer of ballast, Applicant believes that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on land or water uses within any designated coastal zone.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

Removal of this redundant line will have no adverse impact on the current or future transportation of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) **If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.**

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.**

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.**

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.**

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in improvement to public safety by the elimination of the need to construct a new, highly traveled, public, at-grade crossing to allow access to a new public school.

- (ii) If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

Not applicable.

- (iii) If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

Applicant received a response dated January 7, 2008 from the U.S. Department of the Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service in Athens, Georgia stating *“Based on available information federally listed species are not likely to occur on the project site.”* (See Attachment 8)

- (ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its December 20, 2007 request to the Georgia Department of Environmental Protection in Atlanta, Georgia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant received a response dated August 18, 2008 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Georgia stating *"...based on this information obtained in this letter, no permit is required from this office for the work that is planned for the abandonment of this portion of rail line."* (See Attachment 10)

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant has not received a response to its December 20, 2007 request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency State Office Atlanta, Georgia, requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 11)

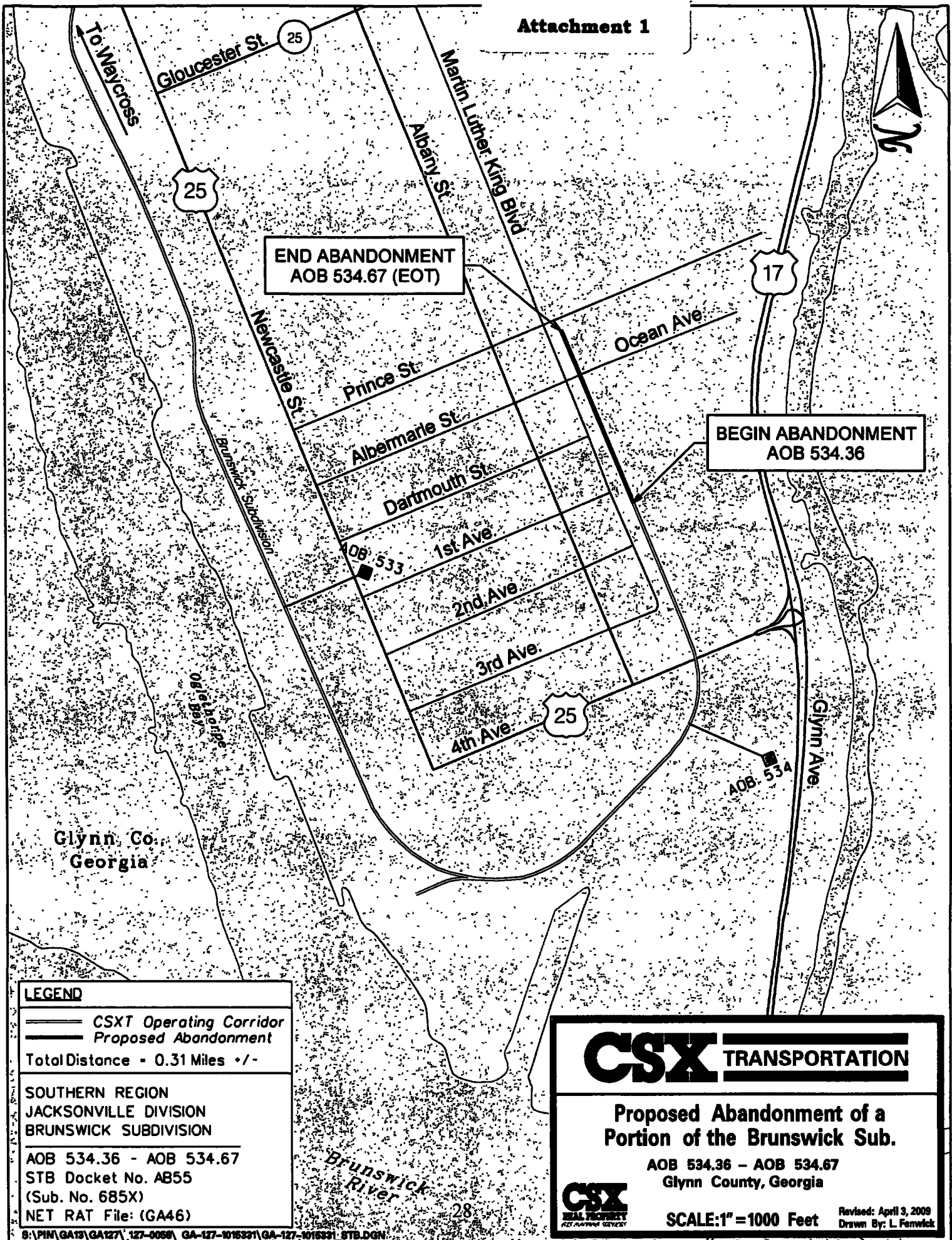
Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

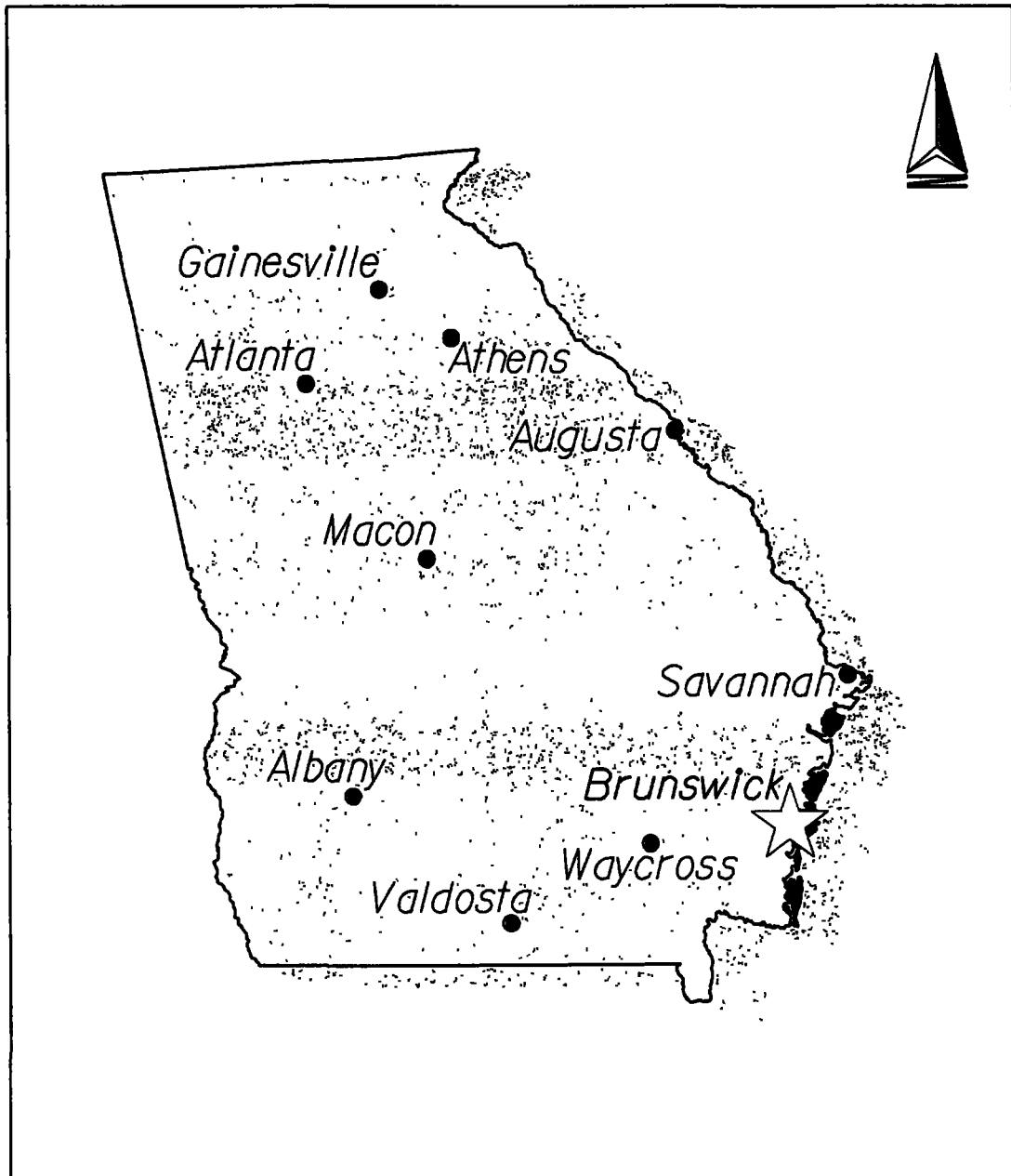
10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

Attachment 1





AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 0.92 Miles +/-
AOB 534.36 - AOB 534.67

STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 685X
Glynn County, Georgia

**External Distribution List
AB 55 Sub No. 685X
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City of Brunswick
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Fish & Wildlife Service
105 West Park Drive
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Athens, GA 30606

USDA - NRCS
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National Park Service
Southeast Region
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1924 Building
Atlanta, GA 30303

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
1200 Glynn Avenue
Brunswick, GA 31523

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National Geodetic Survey N/NGS23
(Via Email)

Attachment 4

CITY OF BRUNSWICK

POST OFFICE BOX 550 • BRUNSWICK, GA 31521-0550 • (912) 267-5500 • FAX (912) 267-5549

Bryan Thompson, Mayor
Mark A. Spaulding, Mayor Pro Tem
James H. Brooks, Sr., Commissioner
Jonathan L. Williams, Commissioner
Cornell L. Harvey, Commissioner

City Attorney
M. Lynn Frey, III

City Manager
Roosevelt Harris, Jr.

April 5, 2009

**Mr. Dave Geraci, Manager
Network and Joint Facility Services
CSX Transportation
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Jacksonville, FL 32202**

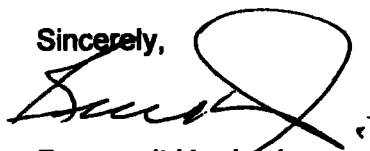
Dear Mr Geraci:

The City of Brunswick strongly endorses CSX Transportation's application to abandon a portion of the railroad tracks which run parallel with and in the right-of-way of Martin Luther King Boulevard between Second Avenue and Ocean Boulevard/Albemarle Avenue.

As you know, the Glynn County School Board is building the new Glynn Middle School adjacent to this right-of-way and needs to have this track abandoned so the City of Brunswick can extend First Avenue across Martin Luther King Boulevard and the railroad right-of-way to provide for school bus traffic. The new school is set to open on August 3, 2009 so time is a critical factor.

Your efforts to expedite this action are greatly appreciated. If there is anything that the City of Brunswick can do to help you in this endeavor, please contact me at 912-267-5500.

Sincerely,



**Roosevelt Harris, Jr.
City Manager**

RHJR:dcn

**Xc: Mayor and Commissioners
City Attorney
City Engineer**

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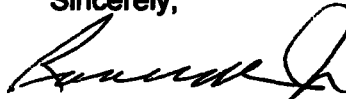
**Mr. Dave Geraci, Manager
Network and Joint Facility Services
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202**

Dear Mr Geraci:

Attached to this letter is an executed copy of the CSXT Environmental Report Response Form for STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 685X. As you can see from the form, there will be no environmental impact.

Your continued efforts to expedite this action are greatly appreciated. If there is anything that the City of Brunswick can do to help you in this endeavor, please contact me at 912-267-5500.

Sincerely,



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CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 685X

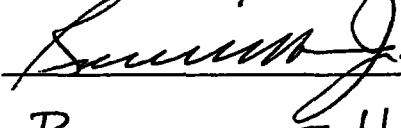
Notice of Exemption from Railroad Milepost AOB 534.36 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia.

Agency response (check one):

☒ No Environmental Impact

☐ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date: APRIL 7, 2009

Signature: 

Name: ROOSEVELT HARRIS, JR.

Title: CITY MANAGER
CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA.



Attachment 5

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E-Mail: Dave_Geraci@CSX.com

Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

December 20, 2007

Mr. David Hainley, Director
Glynn County Community Development
700 Gloucester Street
Suite 200
Brunswick, GA 31520

Dear Mr. Hainley:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia as depicted on the attached map.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7(3)(i) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statement:

"Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies."

CSXT would appreciate your advice as to the existence of a long-range comprehensive planning map for Glynn County and the line's relationship to such planning.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity and include any comments received from your office.

Further enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
355 East Hancock Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30601
Telephone: 706-546-2272 Fax: 706-546-2120

Attachment 6

March 31, 2008

Mr. Dave Geraci
Manager – Network Rationalization
500 Water Street –J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: CSX Transportation rail line abandonment, Railroad Milepost AOP 533.75 to Railroad Milepost AOP 534.67 in Glynn County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Geraci:

This reply is to the request for the possible effect of Important (Prime or Statewide) Agriculture Land in area of the proposed rail line abandonment for the above location.

There is no prime or important state wide farm land in the area of the proposed rail line abandonment.

If you need additional information, please contact me at (706) 546-2278.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward P. Ealy".

EDWARD P EALY
State Soil Scientist

cc: David Ferrell, Assistant State Conservationist (FO), NRCS, Waycross, GA
Rita Barrow, District Conservationist, NRCS, Brunswick, GA



Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

Attachment 7

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December 20, 2007

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
1200 Glynn Avenue
Brunswick, GA 31523

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia as depicted on the attached map.

This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations require expanded environmental information in connection with rail lines, which are subject to abandonment. One of these is to determine if a designated coastal zone management area is involved, and, if so, if the proposed action is consistent with the affected State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

CSXT would appreciate your advising if the removal of the rail would have an effect on your program. It is CSXT's intention to simply remove the metal material from the top layer of gravel ballast, and to preserve the existing routes of water flow and drainage. CSXT does not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity and include any comments received from your office.

Further enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 8



Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

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U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Georgia Ecological Services
105 West Park Drive, Suite D, Athens, Georgia 30606
Phone: (706) 613-2493 Fax: (706) 613-6029

U.S. Department of the Interior
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105 West Park Drive
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Athens, GA 30606

Based upon available information federally listed species are not likely to occur on the project site.

Sandra S. Tucker 1-7-08
Sandra S. Tucker, Field Supervisor Date

Gentlemen:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. is considering abandonment of a portion of its rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia as depicted on the attached map.

The action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (8) (i) and (ii) require that CSXT develop responses to the following statements:

- (i) Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.
- (ii) State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.

The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact to any federally-listed endangered or threatened species, critical habitats, wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks, or forests.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity (as stated above) and include any comments received from your office.

Further enclosed, please find a distribution list of all parties that have been copied of the proposed action.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 9

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Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

December 20, 2007

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Gentlemen:

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This action requires Surface Transportation Board approval and Federal Regulations 49 C.F.R. 1105.7 (9) (i) and (iii) require that CSXT develop a response to the following statements:

(i) "Based on consultation with State Water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies."

(iii) State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. 1342 are required for the proposed action."

There are no refueling or maintenance areas within the project area. The removal of CSXT's rail material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. CSXT does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbeds and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way, nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. During track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any watercourses.

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate receiving your concurrence with its position that the proposed project is consistent with applicable Federal, State and local water quality standards, and that no permits under Section 402 are required at this time.

As further information, CSXT will provide a preliminary environmental report in the coming weeks which will outline the scope of the proposed salvage activity (as stated above) and include any comments received from your office.

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Attachment 10



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
100 W. OGLETHORPE AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31402-0889**

Regulatory Division
200800034

18 August 2008

CSX Transportation
Attn: Dave Geraci
500 Water Street - J200
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mr. Geraci:

This is in reference to the proposed abandonment of a portion of rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track and Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia. This project has been assigned number 200800034. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

In a December 20, 2007 letter, it was described that removing metal track material, crossties, and the upper layer of ballast is going to be performed in a manner that will not impact any waters of the United States (US). Activities that do not impact waters of the US may not require authorization from this office. Therefore based on this information obtained in this letter, no permit is required from this office for the work that is planned for the abandonment of this portion of rail line.

This communication does not convey any property rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges. It does not authorize any injury to property, invasion of rights, or any infringement of federal, state or local laws, or regulations. It does not obviate your requirement to obtain state or local assent required by law for the development of this property. If the information you have submitted, and on which the US Army Corps of Engineers has based its determination is later found to be in error, this decision may be revoked.

Please be aware, the US Army Corps of Engineers has been charged by Congress, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) with the responsibility to regulate all construction and fill activities performed in waters of the US and their adjacent wetland areas. Any discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands or waters of the United States for access roads, lot grading, excavation, mechanized land-clearing, walkways, sewer lines, side-cast from ditches, or any other purpose without prior approval, constitutes a violation of Section 404. Wetlands associated with your property are subject to the jurisdiction of this Section.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (912) 652-5018.

Sincerely,

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Anthony D. Jernigan
Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Branch



Attachment 11

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Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

December 20, 2007

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

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Attachment

EXHIBIT E
HISTORIC REPORT
[See attached]

**HISTORIC REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c) and .11, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X) was mailed via first class mail on December 20, 2007, to the following parties:

Mr. Noel A. Holcomb, SHPO
Historic Preservation Division / DNR
34 Peachtree Street NW
Suite 1600
Atlanta, GA 30303-2316


Kathryn R. Barney
April 30, 2009

HISTORIC REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X)**

1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation (CSXT) proposes to abandon 0.92 mile of rail line from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia.

The above referenced 0.92-mile line has been used to serve two (2) customers: Glynn Iron and Steel and Jared LLC (now Par Jared). In an effort to redevelop this area of Brunswick, a developer has purchased the property and relocated the rail served customers. Rail service will no longer be required on this line segment, no new rail oriented business is expected to develop and the line is no longer required for operating purposes.

Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail, crossties and three (3) at-grade crossings; subsequently, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2)

1105.8(d)

- (1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action.**

Attached is a copy of the Brunswick East quadrangle topographic map prepared by the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey prepared. The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy black diagonal line. (See Attachment 3)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older, which may be eligible for listing in the National Register as a part of the proposed action.

- (2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:**

The right of way widths along this line is estimated at 100 feet from the center-line of track. The rail line traverses some industrial and urban community locations of Brunswick, Georgia

- (3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:**

Not Applicable.

- (4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:**

Not Applicable.

- (5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:**

The line proposed for abandonment was originally acquired and constructed in 1931 by the Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast Railway Company (ABC). In 1946, the ABC was acquired by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad (ACL), where the line was designated as the ACL's Western Division.

The ACL was incorporated on March 14, 1836, as the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, and on April 23, 1900, the name was changed to Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

From 1902 through 1912, the ACL merged with a number of small railroads extending from Virginia to Florida. Four more mergers occurred during and immediately after World War II, and two in the 1950's. At the time of the ACL's merger with the Charleston and Western Carolina in 1959, the railroad owned 5,325 miles of line and leased additional lines, for a system total of 5,742 miles. On July 1, 1967, the Seaboard Air Line (SAL) and ACL merged to form the Seaboard Coast Line (SCL). In 1972 The Family Lines was adopted to identify the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and the SCL. On November 1, 1980, Seaboard Coast Line Industries Inc. (which was formed in May 1969) and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On January 1, 1983, the merger of The Family Lines' affiliates formed the Seaboard System Railroad Inc., which name was changed on July 1, 1986 to CSX Transportation Inc.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

- (6) A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:**

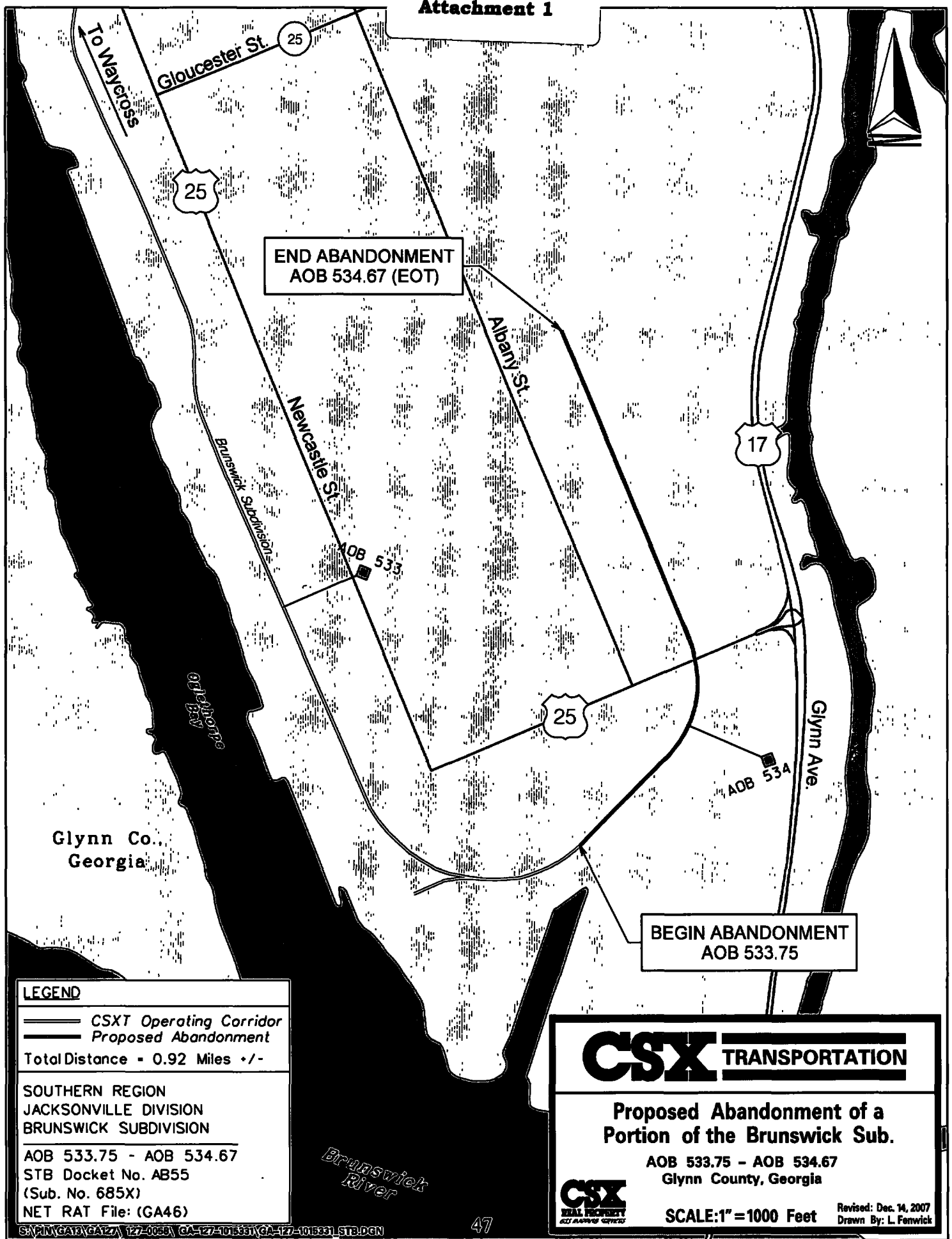
Not Applicable.

- (7) **An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):**

A review of our records indicates there are no CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this line segment that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.

- (8) **A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.





AREA MAP

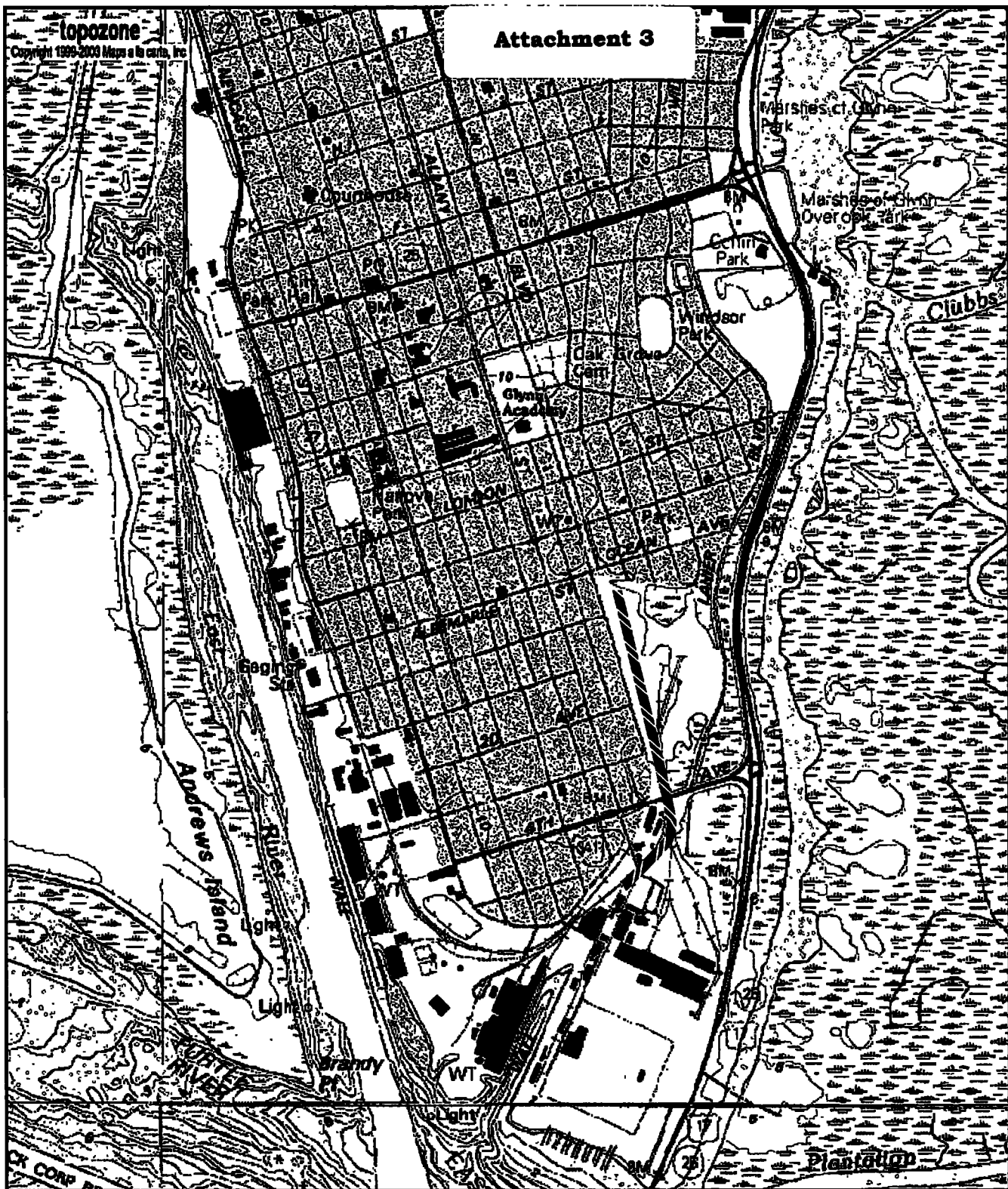
Proposed Abandonment of 0.92 Miles +/-

AOB 533.75 - AOB 534.67

STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 685X

Glynn County, Georgia

SOUTHERN REGION - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION - BRUNSWICK SUBDIVISION



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Southside Church of God, USGS Brunswick East (GA) Quadrangle
Projection is UTM Zone 17 NAD83 Datum

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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Historic Preservation Division

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

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April 6, 2009

Dave Geraci
Manager-Network Rationalization
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street-J200
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

**RE: Rail Abandonment: .92 Miles, Brunswick
Glynn County, Georgia
HP-090403-015; Reference HP-071226-004**

Dear Mr. Geraci:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has reviewed the submitted information concerning the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) and CSX Transportation in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Based on the information contained in the submittal, HPD finds that the railroad corridor, originally the Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast Railway, is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C for its significance in the development of Georgia in the areas of transportation and engineering. HPD finds that the proposed undertaking will have **no adverse effect** on the eligible rail corridor, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1).

Please refer to project number **HP-090403-015** in any future correspondence regarding this undertaking. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624, or Jackie H. Tyson, Environmental Review Historian, at (404) 651-6777.

Sincerely,



Karen Anderson-Córdova
Manager, Planning and Local Assistance Unit

KAC: jht

cc: Jason Kotarski, Coastal Georgia RDC



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Manager - Network Rationalization

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December 20, 2007

Mr. Noel A. Holcomb, SHPO
Historic Preservation Division/DNR
34 Peachtree Street NW
Suite 1600
Atlanta, GA 30303-2316

RE: CSXT Proposed Line Abandonment
Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 685X)

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Please be advised that CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Petition for Exemption seeking authority to abandon 0.92-mile of railroad from Railroad Milepost AOB 533.75 to the end of track at Railroad Milepost AOB 534.67 in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia.

In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a Historic Report covering the above-proposed abandonment.

Since there are no structures on the subject line that are 50 years old or older, I would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: STB - SEA, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423
Mr. Steve Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water St. - J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Mr. Lou Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Ave, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204